

THAILAND GOSPEL TELEGRAM

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"Proclaim His glory to the nations. His mighty deeds to all peoples."

Psalms 96:3

In the past two months, there has been somewhat of a drought in Thailand. Although it is the Monsoon season there was a lack of rain fall to the point where some places became short on usable water, as a result normal scheduled times for planting rice during the season had to be delayed. This caused farmers including villagers in the area that we minister in to be worried, we thank God however that He has answered their prayers and over the past week we have had a considerable amount of rain making it possible for the farmers and villagers to plant their rice. This event makes me of God's faithfulness where it says in scripture

"and he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit"

James 5:18

Orphanage

It has been about two months since the children began their new school term. We thank God that God is with the children and have kept them in good health. For this new school year of 2015 we have accepted 2 new boys who are siblings to join the orphanage. Their names are John who is 8 years old and

is currently studying in grade 1, and Joel who is 6 years old and is studying in kindergarten. Their father has abandoned them since they were both very young and their mother is involved in drug trafficking and is currently serving jail time. Since their mother was arrested they boys have been in the care of relatives. We learned about the boys through a Pastor in the Fang area.



The children at the orphanage



John

Joel

This year we have 25 children in total at the orphanage. We have 2 in kindergarten, 12 in elementary, 4 in junior high, and 7 in high school; of the 7 in high school 3 are in their last year of high school. I am very happy that Na se one of the 3 that is in their last year of high school has decided that she would like to go to Bible college after she finishes high school. The other 2 are still in the proces praying and deciding where God would lead them.



The older children doing home work in the new building



Ploughing the orphanage's rice field



The old church after remodeling



Planting rice for the orphanage

I am very glad to announce that the remodeling of the old church has now been officially completed, the older children are now using this new activities building as a place where they can do their homework and projects without the little ones disturbing them. I would like to thank you, our friends and partners in this ministry for your support of this project, without you this project could not have been possible.



Ruth painting the outside of the new building

As for our two eldest children Na Dong and Surachai who are both in Bible school, they are now in their 3rd year. Na Dong has one year left before graduating both Bible college and University. As for Surachai, next year he will have to do his internship, he wants to come back to do his internship at the orphanage. We thank God for the lives of both Na Dong and Surachai, they have been such a great blessing to the younger ones. Ruth and I are very happy to see that they have devoted their lives to God and are serving Him faithfully.



Ja meu la

Pu wa don

In addition to Na Dong and Surachai, 2 male teenagers from the church in Mae Gone village have heard God's call after they finished high school and have decided to go to Bible college. They are now attending the same Bible college as Surachai. Their names are Ja-meu-la and Pu-wa-don. Please keep all these children in your prayers.



Na dong

Su ra chai

Shan Ministry

In the past month, Pastor Somchai has retired from being pastor at the Shan church. This was due to family problems. Now Pastor Suthep who is also the pastor of Pang Kwai village is serving as the temporary pastor of this church, at the same time pastor Vinai and I are also taking turns pastoring at this village. Please pray with us that we will be able to find a suitable pastor for this village.

Jiang Jan village

In the past week, some church members and pastor Eh-neh's daughter went into the jungle to forage for mushrooms. There were a lot of mushrooms to be foraged as a result of increased rainfall over the past week. Since there were so much mushrooms one church member and Eh-neh's daughter got separated from the rest of the group as they were so concentrated on collecting the mushrooms that they got lost. At the moment both the church member and Eh-neh's daughter are safe and have both been found but here is a short testimony of what happened to them during the time that they were lost. Eh-neh's daughter said that when she realized that she had lost her way she began to search for a way back to the group but she could not, she kept on walking for almost the whole day and was both very worried and scared. She said that towards the end of that day she was very tired, hungry and thirsty because she did not pack any food or water with her since she thought it would be just a short trip into the jungle. Finally she said when she was out of strength she collapsed and began praying to God to help her. After she prayed she looked around and to her amazement there was one single mango which seemed to have appeared out of no where, what was strange about this mango was that there were no mango trees around the area and to add to the strangeness mango is already out of season

in Thailand during this time. Eh-neh's daughter said that from the outside the mango looked like it was spoiled but because she didn't have any food with her she had no choice so she took the mango peeled it and to her amazement the inside of the mango was still good to eat. Another amazing thing about this mango she said was that although the mango wasn't that big it took her quite a long time to finish the entire mango which she felt very full after eating it. This mango gave her the strength to continue walking. Finally she reached the top of a small hill and then heard the people who were looking for her calling out to her. She walked towards the sound and was finally found.

As for the church member they didn't find him that day, they found him the next day in the evening. I do not know the story of what happened to the church member during the time he was lost but this testimony was given to me by Eh-neh and the search party. Because they could not find him that day like they did Eh-neh's daughter, pastor Eh-neh had gather a large group of people to help search for this man. Among the people in the group there were both Christians and non-Christians. Before the search party set out to search for the missing man, Eh-neh had everyone kneel down both Christians and non-Christians and prayed that if God willing that they would easily find the man in a short span of time or the man find them. After they finished praying the search party set out and like they prayed in a short amount of time the church member came walking out of the jungle and found the people looking for him. Eh-neh said those who were not believers were amazed by this event and I believe that this event was a great testimony to God's greatness for those who do not believe to experience.

Special needs

We would now like to share with you some special needs for the ministry. Since we sold our aging pick up truck that we bought in the year 2000, we have been lacking a truck that

can be used in the ministry. We would now like to purchase a new 4x4 utility pick up truck that we can use in the ministry and at the same time be a back up vehicle for the orphanage's current pick up truck. The current pick up truck that the orphanage is using to take the children to school will be entering its 9th year and it is starting to show signs of problems with the engine. We now have \$7,353.00 from the sale of the old pick up truck, we are missing an additional \$24,088.00. We ask again for your help so that we will be able to raise the remaining amount. Please continue in prayer that this money will be raised.

We are always thankful for your support, both in prayer and financial. Without your help in these two areas we would be unable to do our work. Your support is producing fruit here in Thailand among the Lahu and the Shan tribe. We pray God's blessing on you as you work for Him.



Luke

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